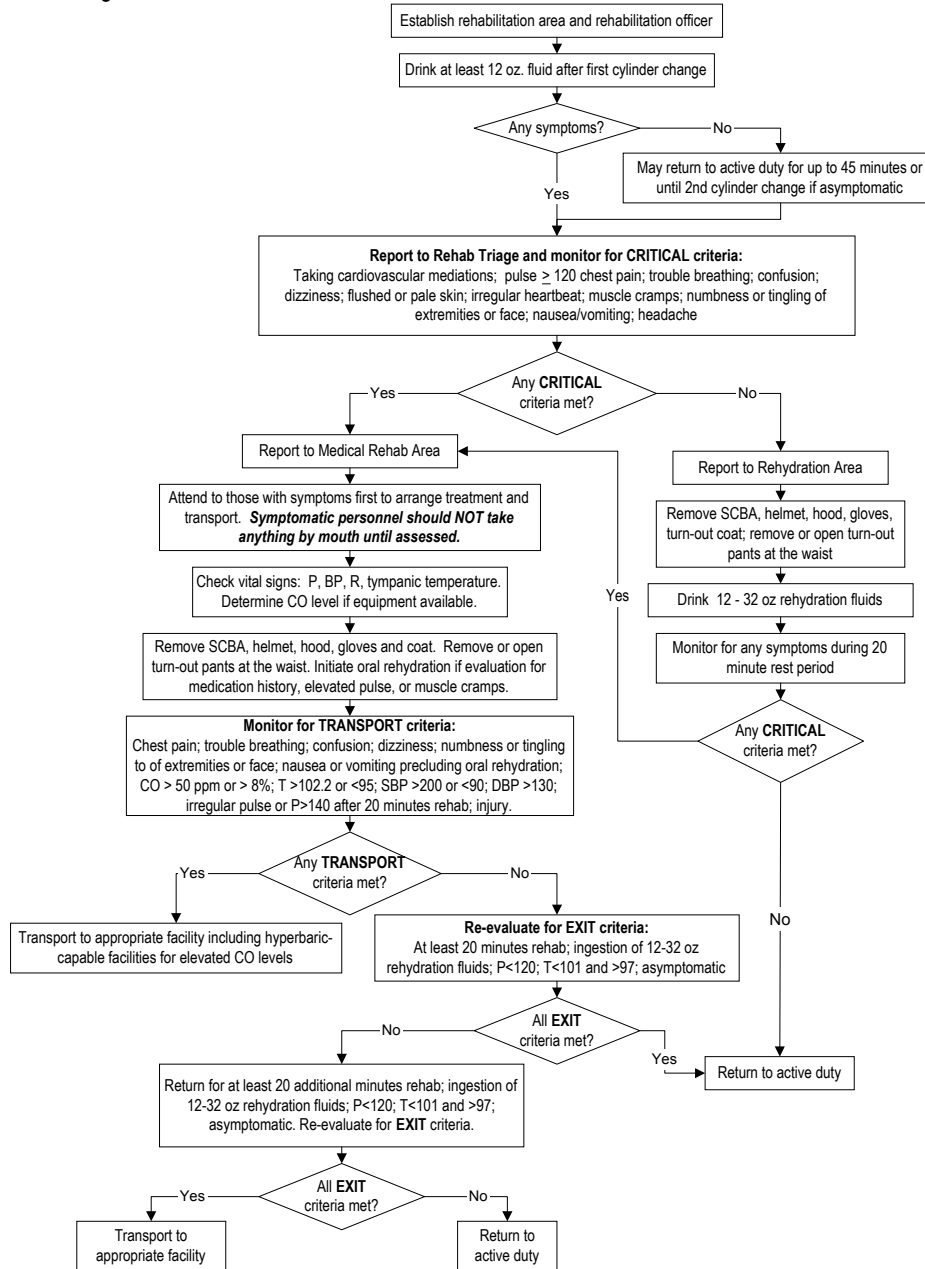


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
STANDARD OF CARE
EMERGENCY INCIDENT REHABILITATION**

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Policy: Emergency incident rehabilitation will be established to keep all personnel well hydrated and rested to minimize the occurrence of thermal extremes and stress related illnesses, and to provide ongoing medical monitoring for early identification of members who show signs of heat or stress related illnesses.



NOTES:

- Rehydration should continue after the incident with additional 12 – 32 oz. consumed over the next 2 hours.
- Personnel treated and transported due to temperature extremes will be relieved of duty for 24 – 48 hours.
- Personnel treated and transported for other indications may return to duty as prescribed by the medical exam.
- Rehab area personnel must be EMTs instructed in rehab protocols and use of tympanic thermometers.
- A rehab log will be kept, documenting: date and incident identifier; names of personnel triaged; entrance and exit times; all vital signs documented; injuries and/or symptoms; disposition.
- Critical CO levels: Symptoms may appear at 50ppm (8%), usually appear at 50-80ppm (8 – 15%), and may be severe at greater than 80ppm (15%).
- Patients transported for symptoms of CO poisoning or with CO levels of more than 50ppm (8%) must be transported to a hospital capable of providing hyperbaric treatment.